Andrewes
Golden Chaine,
TO
Linke the penitent ſinner vnto Almighty God.

Richly adorned with the ornaments of holy Scripture, which was neuer in print, nor from any man elſe-where to be had.

Newly made in a right zealous and godly prayer, taken out of the pure fountaine of holy Scripture, very neceſſary to cure the ſicke ſoule of the careleſſe ſinner, (if there be but the leaſt ſparke of grace in him) be hee neuer ſo infected with the poyſon of ſinne, and to draw him from deſperation, if with a true heart, and beleeuing faith, he will daily vſe it, in deuout praying vnto Almighty God. (10)

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RIght Honourable, for Gods ſake, your owne ſake, and your ſoules ſake, peruſe this little Booke ouer, for it guides you in the direct way vnto Almighty God, and ſheweth you how to giue your heart vnto God, and your ſinnes vnto Satan, euery time you pray with this Prayer.

By me *Iohn Andrewes*,
Preacher of Gods Word.

Andrewes Golden Chaine,

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MOſt Mighty a, moſt Holie b, moſt Righteous c, and moſt mercifull God d, my ſweet Sauiour e, and Phyſitian of my ſoule f, haue mercie on me, thou that art full of pity and compaſſion g, rich vnto all which call vpon thee for mercie h, and neuer forſakeſt them that put their truſt

a Gen.17.17.
b Reu.4.8.
Pſal.99.5.
Eſay 6.3.
c Exod.9.27.
d Ioel 2.13.
Pſal.86.3.5.
Exod.34.6.
e Wiſd.16.21.
Act.5.31.
1 Tim.4.10.
Pſal.18.1.
Luk.2.11.
f Luk.4.23.
g Pſal.103.3.
h Rom.10.12.

trust in thée [i], againe and againe haue mercy on me; here I bow the very knées of my heart vnto thée O God, and with sighs, groans and teares bewaile my sinnes [k], beseeching thee with all humility to cure my wounded and distressed soule.

O giue my heart true repentance, my spirit contrition, and mine eyes a fountaine of teares to weepe for my sinnes.

O Lord my God [l], I am sicke with sinne [m], and thou art my Physitian [n]; I am dead, but thou art my life [o], and although I am but earth and ashes, yet giue mee grace to seeke for thy mercies [p].

O Lord, I know thy hand is not shortned that it cannot saue [q], neither is thine eare heauie that it cannot heare [r], but

[i] Ier.31.1.
[k] Psal.38.9. Lam.4.9.
[l] Psal.40.6. 1 King.17.20, 21. Psal.7.1. Psal.99.8,9. Psal.30.2. Psal.18.1. Psal.7.2.
[m] Mich.6.13.
[n] Luk.4.23.
[o] Ioh.11.25.
[p] Gen.8.27. Iob.30.19. Eccle.17.32.
[q] Num.11.2,3.
[r] Esay 50.2.

but it is my sinnes, my sinnes, my vnrepented sinnes [f], that haue separated betweene this vanishing estate of mine [t] and thine eternity [u].

[f] Nahum.1.2.
[t] Psal.39.5. Psal.62.9.
[u] 1 Tim.4.17.

O Lord, I beseech thee for thy sonne Iesus Christ his sake to encline thine eare and heare, open O Lord, thine eyes and see [a]: Oh behold the vehemencie of my praying, and forgiue mee, O forgiue me, and blot all my sinnes out of thy remembrance [b].

[a] Esay 37.17.
[b] Psal.51.1.9.
[c] Psal.7.2. Psal.30.2. Psal.18.1.

Here, O Lord my God [c], with all humility I prostrate my selfe before thy maiesty, powring out my teares for my sinnes, and praying on my knees like Daniel [d], weeping for mine offences like Dauid [e], crying like Esay [f], roze out my griefe like Iob [g], and rent my heart with the penitent [h], lament with Peter [i], sorrow with

1 King.17.20, 21.
Psal.40.6. Psal.99.8,9. Psal.109.25. Psal.7.1.
[d] Dan.6.10.
[e] Psal.6.6.
[f] Esay 58.1.
[g] Ioel.2.13. Iob 3.24.
[h] Mar.14.7.
[i] Mat.26.75. Luk 22.62.

with Marie [k], and cry out vnto thee O Lord my God[l], with the Iewes, O what shall I doe to be saued [m].

Oh therefore now heare me, and helpe me O Lord [n] lest I perish in my wickednesse [o].

Saint Peters wiues mother receiued thee O Christ, and thou curedst her [p]; Zacheus did but entertaine thee, and thou O God bestowedst saluation vpon him [q]; Saint Peter which denied, and forswore thee, wept for his sins, and was pardoned [r].

Mary Magdalen which had many legions of deuils, with teares of vnfained repentance was absolued, and made a Temple of the Holy Ghost [s]: And although my sinnes, my sinnes, my scarlet sinnes [t], be in number many [u], in weight most

[k] Luk.7.38.
[l] Psal.109. 25. Psal.18.1.
[m] 1 King.17.20, 21. Psal.40.6. Psal.99.8,9. Psal.30.2. Psal.7.1,2. Act.2.37. Act.16.30.
[n] Psal.109.25, 26.
[o] Psal.94.23.
[p] Luk.4.39. Matth.8.15. Mar.1.31.
[q] Luk.19.9.
[r] Luk.22.62. Mat.26.75. Mar.14.71.
[s] Luk.7.38.
[t] Esay 1.18.
[u] Psal.19.12.

most heauy *, and for desert damnable x. Yet O Iesu my sweet Sauiour y, I most entirely beseech thee, let not mee that knocke at thy gates of mercie, with sighs, groanes and teares be excluded z; But forgiue me, O forgiue mee, againe and againe I beseech thee forgiue me, for there is mercy with thee O Lord my God to forgiue euen crying sinnes vnto the penitent sinner, although they haue beene tied in the deepest graine of iniquity. O Iesu my sweet Sauiour a, thou light of mine eyes *, which hast promised to answer before I call, and while I pray for to heare b, O for pity then heare my prayers, and grant my petition, that thy crimson drops of precious blood which trickled downe thy azure veines, may

* Eccles. 38. 18.
x Luk. 13. 3.
Esay 59. 2.
y Wisd. 16. 21.
Psal. 18. 1.
Act. 5. 31.
1 Tim. 4. 10.
Luk. 2. 11.
Mat. 1. 21.
z Iam. 4. 9.
Psal. 38. 9.
z Wisd. 16. 21.
2 Sam. 22. 3.
Act. 5. 31.
Psal. 18. 1.
1 Tim. 4. 10.
Luk. 2. 11.
a * Ioh. 8. 12.
Ioh. 9. 5.
Ioh. 14. 9.
2. Sam. 22. 29.
b Esay 65. 24.
Mat. 6. 8.
Psal. 145. 19.
1 Pet. 3. 12.

may wash away my scarlet sinnes [b], O let mine eyes be as continuall lauers to wash away the pollution of my sinnes [c], seeing teares be the best and soueraign'st balme to cure the wounds of my sinne-bleeding soule: and therefore with a melting heart, and mourning eyes [d], I tremble at thy word [e], and am pricked when I am rebuked [f], and inflamed with burning zeale [g], when I am instructed to come vnto thee, O my sweet Sauiour, [i] that I may see thee, thou ioy of my heart [k], and loue thee thou life of my soule [l]; O let me finde thee my hearts desire [m], and hold thee whom my soule loueth [n].

According vnto the riches of thy mercies [o] thou hast promised to heare my petition [p], that whensoeuer I shall aske any

[b] Esay 1.18.
[c] Iam.4.9. Psal.38.9.
[d] Psal.51.4.
[e] Phil.2.12.
[f] Act.2.37. Act.16.30.
[g] Psal.69.9. Psal.119.139. Iohn 2.17. Tit.2.14. Wisd.16.21. Act.5.31. Psal.1&1. Luk.2.11. 2Sam.22.3. Mat.1.21.
[4] Psal.119.11.
[l] Ioh.14.6. Eccles 23.4.
[m] Psal.42.1,2.
[n] Sal.Song 3.3.
[o] Rom. 10.12.
[p] Psal.50.15. Psal.91.15.

my thing in thy name through faith, I shall obtaine the same [q].

[q] Iam.1.5.

O thereforе regard now O Lord, I most entirely beseech thée, thy gracious promises towards me [r], and behold the words of thine owne mouth, the workes and couenants of thine owne hands, how thou hast sworne by an oath [s], and couenanted and indented with me, To put thy lawes in my heart, write them in my mind, and remember my sins no more [t], but at what time soeuer I repented from the bottome of my heart, of all my sinnes, thou wilt forgiue me all mine offences [u], if they were as red as scarlet, thou wilt make them as white as snow [x]: which couenant thou hast sealed with thy owne most precious bloud, and confir-

Mat.7.7.
Mar.11.
Luk.11.9.
Mat.21.22.
[r] Eccles.33.11
Esay 55.7.

[s] Heb.6.17,1.
Esay.54.9,10.

[t] Ier.31.33.
Heb.10.16,17.

[u] Ier.24.7.
Ezech.18.21.
Mal.3.7.
[x] Esay 1.18.
[x] Ioh.6.29.
Reu 7.3.
Mat.27.31.

confirmed the same by thy death and passion on the Crosse [y].

[y] Luk.23.33. Ioh.19.14.

For whom thou hast suffered bitter bonds [z], cruell wounds [a], tormenting death and the graue [b]: and withall, thou hast endued me with thy Image [c], that I should remember thee, grauen me in the palme of thine hand [d], that thou shouldest not forget me, and called me in thy name [e], to make me a Christian.

[z] Mat.27.2. [a] Mar.15.15. [b] Ioh.19.41. [c] Col.3.10. Gen.1.27. [d] Esay 49.16. [e] Reu.14.1. Reu.22.4. 2 Cor.11.2. Psal.119.105.

Betrothed through faith [f], directed by thy word [g], and guided by thy holy Spirit [h], to enlighten my mind [i], cleanse my conscience [k], and reioyce my heart [l], to come vnto thee my sweet Sauiour [m]. O therefore, I most entirely beseech thee, O Lord, to keepe me as the apple of thine eye [n], and cleanse me from all my sins [o];

[f] Rom.5.5. [g] Rom 8.6. [h] 1 Cor.13.1. [i] Gal.5.22. [k] Luk.2.11. [l] 2 Sam.12.3. [m] 1 Tim.4.10. Act.5.31. Psal.18.1. Mat.1.21. [n] Psal.17.8. [o] Psal.19.12.

O, let me neuer be confounded [p], O Iesu of Nazareth [q], O sonne of Dauid [r], O fountaine of mercie [s], haue mercie vpon me.

I will forsake all my sinnes and cleaue vnto thée for mercie [t], that thou maist saue me [u]: I had perished, hadst not thou which didst make me [x], renued me againe.

O how often would the Dragon [y] haue deuoured me? but thou, O Lord my God, didst plucke mee out of his mouth; how often haue I sinned, and how often hath hée béene ready to swallow mée vp [z]? but thou O Lord hast defended me.

O Iesu my swéet Sauiour [a], thou mad'st man at the beginning after thine owne Image [b], without sinne, and therefore O Lord my God,

[p] Psal.31.1.
[q] Mat.26.71. Mar.1.24.
[r] Mat.9.27. Mat.10.47.
[s] Zech.13.1.
[t] Psal.32.11.
[u] Eph.2.7,8.
[x] Gen.1.26. Eccles.17.1. Wisd.2.23. Tit.3.5,6,7. Reu.12.34.
[y] Psal.7.1,2. Psal.30.2. Psal.109.25. 1 Kin.17.20,21 Psal.18.1. Psal.40.6.
[z] Reu.12 7,8.
[a] Wisd.16.21. 1 Tim.4.10. Act.5.31. Psal.18.1. Luk.2.11. Mat.1.21.
[b] Gen.16.27. Gen.5.1. Gen.9.6. 1 Cor.11.7. Col.3.10.

God,

God [c], it was not man, but Satan, that was the author of sinne, and through his Diabolicall practice hee doth daily tempt me therewith.

[c] Psal.40.6. Psal.109.25. Psal.7.2. 1 Kings 17. 20. Psal.30.2. Psal.99.8,9. Psal.18.1.

O therefore hold him fast good Lord, and bruise him in peeces [d], that hee exercise his deuices no longer vpon me. For my sinnes, my grieuous sinnes, doe seeme so grim and vgly in my sight, so base and loathsome vnto my minde, and so venomous vnto my body, and soule, that, O Lord my God, the very stinke thereof maketh me weary of all my sinnes, and vtterly abhorre and detest them.

[d] Rom.20.33. Ioh.3.35. Eccles.23.4. Ioh.14.6. 1 Ioh.1.2. Col.3.3. Ioh.11.25.

And therefore, my life [e], my Redæmer [f], my light [g], and onely Sauiour [h], I doe here from the bottome of my heart, by thine assistance, with all my force and might, forsake and loath

[e] 1 Cor.1.7. Eph.1.7. [f] 2 Sam. 22.29. Ioh.1.49. Ioh.9.5. Ioh.8.2. [h] Luk.2.11. Psal.18.1. Act.5.31. 2 Tim.4.10. 2 Sam.22.3. Mat.21.1.

loath my sinnes. And here I bequeath all my sinnes, and every one of them vnto Satan from whence they came; and I will also both now and euermore by thy helpe, O Lord, renounce, loath, and defie Satan, and all his workes, both past, present, and for to come*, and appeale vnto thée, O Lord my God[h], from thy seat of iustice[i], vnto thy throne of mercy[k], beséeching thée mine owne and onely Sauiour[l], whose armes were spread on the Crosse[m] to embrace mee and all penitent sinners[n], to haue mercy on me, O Lord haue mercy vpon me; Oh nayle my sinnes vnto thy Crosse, and burie them in thy graue, that they may neuer rise vp in iudgement against me.

Now what shall I render vnto thée, O my sweet and lo-

* 1 Pet. 1. 8. 9.
h Psal. 109. 21.
Psal. 99. 8.
Psal. 30. 2.
i 1 King. 17. 21.
Psal. 40. 6.
Psal. 18. 1.
i Wis. 17. 1, 2.
k Rom. 10. 12.
Eph. 2. 4.
l 2 Sam. 24. 14.
Psal. 18. 1.
Luk. 2. 11.
1 Tim. 4. 10.
Mat. 1. 21.
m Luke 22. 33.
Rom. 10. 13.
n Act. 2. 31.
Ioel 2. 32.
Rom. 10. 11.
Act. 10. 35.
1 Pet. 3. 18.
Rom. 8. 23.

ning Saviour[o], for all that thou hast done for mee: Sacrifices and burnt offerings thou wilt not have, but a contrite and broken heart, O Lord thou hast promised not to despise[p].

Wherefore in token of my humblest devotion I owe unto thy most sacred selfe, with all humility I will give my dearest love unto thee my sweet Jesus[q], which art my light[r], my way[s], and my salvation[t], and what gift can be better, or more acceptable than my heart, unto my Maker[u], that made and redeemed it[x], for it can finde no rest until it come unto thee, to be refreshed with the sweet sight of thy chearefull countenance[y]: wherefore my comfort[z], my Redeemer[a], my life[b], and onely Saviour[c], with

[o] Psal.51,16,17.
[p] Wisd.6.21. Ioh.14.9.
[q] 2 Sam.22.29. Ioh.8.12.
[r] Ioh.14.6.
[s] 1 Pet.3.24.
[t] 1 Cor.1.30.
[u] Gen.1.26. Iit.3.5,6,7. Wisd.2.23. Eccles.17.1. Coh3.10.
[x] Eph.1.7. Psal.65.3. Exod.15.2.
[y] 2 Sam.22.3.
[z] Psal.27.4 Eph.1.7.
[a] 2 Cor.1.30.
[b] 1 Cor.1.3.
[c] Ioh.11.25. Ioh.14.6. 1 Ioh.2.23. Col.3.3.
[d] Act.5.31. 2 Tim.4.10. Luke 2.11. 2 Sam.22.3. Mat.1.21. Psal.38.1.

with all humilitie I prostrate my selfe before thy Maiesty, most humbly beseeching thee to take it, oh take it, for it is thine, O Lord my God[c], it is thine.

Thou sufferedst thine owne heart to be pierced for it[d], and didst but lend it mee during thy pleasure, and should I then detaine it from thee that hast so dearely bought it? oh no, no, I will reserue it onely for thee.

To whom fitter may I bequeath my heart, than vnto thee my sweet and louing Sauiour[e], which hast giuen thy selfe a ransome for it[f]?

Wherefore goe thou O my heart, I haue giuen thee vnto God my Maker[g], and Redeemer[h], he created thee[i], and he onely shall haue thee; Now thou art in Gods keeping,

[c] Psal.30.2. Psal.7.12. 1.Kin.17.20,21. Pal.109.25.
[d] Psal.18.1. Psal.40.6. Psal. 99.8,9. Ioh.19.34.
[e] Wisd. 16.21. 1 Tim.4.10. 2 Sam.22.3. Psal.18.1. Mat.1.21. Luk.2.11.
[f] 1 Cor.1.30. Eph.1.7.
[g] Gen. 1.21. Wisd. 2.23. Col.3.10. Eccles.17.1. Tit.3.5,6,7.
[h] 1 Cor.1.30. Eph.1.7.
[i] Eccles.17.1. Col.3.10. Gen.1.27. Tit.3.6. Wisd.23.

thou maiſt quietly paſſe thorow the gates of death, there is neither diſquieting with ſorrow for ſinne, nor with ſin, which is beyond all ſorrow; thou art there without the reach of thine aduerſary.

Whilſt thou waſt mine, thou waſt a wandring, faithleſſe ſecure, carnall, and impenitent heart, (alwayes infected with the poyſon of ſin,) but being now thy Creators, hee will apparell thee anew, adorning thee with the gifts of his Spirit, that being here clothed with the ornaments of his grace, thou maiſt bee tranſplanted vnto the Kingdome of glory. Vnto the which place, the Lord of his mercie bring me, through the merits of his Sonne, my Lord and Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt: To whom with the Father and the holy Ghoſt,

be rendred all honour and glory, power and praise, might, maiestie, dignitie, and dominion, both now and euermore, Amen.

In this prayer I doe from the bottome of my heart, with all humility confesse my sinnes vnto my Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ, most entirely desiring him in his mercie, to giue me his grace to returne vnto him by speedy repentance.

O Iesus Christ my sweet Sauiour, thou Sonne of God, which art most holy and most mercifull, haue mercie on me O Lord, for pity heare my prayers, and grant my petitions: I am a miserable

ble and most wretched sinner, which from the crowne of mine head vnto the sole of my fast, haue no soundnesse in me, but wounds, blaines, and putrifying sores of sinne, which deserue thy wrath and indignation against me: but sweet Lord, haue compassion vpon me, and anoint my wounds with thine oyle of mercy. O Lord, I come with a mourning heart, and weeping eyes, with my most earnest repentance, to reconcile my poore, wounded, and distressed soule, staine with sinne, vnto thee, O Lord my God, vpon the multitude of thy mercies, and with a contrite heart, with all humility, euen with sighs, groanes, and teares, most lamentably bewaile my sinnes, and openly confesse them vnto thee O sweet Jesus, to be

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more in number than the hairs of mine head, or sands in the sea. Yet O my most merciull Sauiour, I beseech thee forgiue me, O Lord forgiue me, and giue me grace to returne vnto thee by speedy repentance, which God grant me.

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